

because most of them don't do too much of anything. But I have a series of amendments and because I feel so strongly on this issue I have to deal with all of them. And I don't mind if we take the rest of whatever time we have in the session for it, although we really won't, there's no way that can happen. The most time we can spend today is 16 hours, 8 on 1224, and 8 on LB 1224A. And then there are some other bills which, because of what happened Friday, I've taken quite a bit of interest. My rural colleagues kind of jarred me awake, and on some bills which I had not been discussing, I now see a need to get involved. But if this bill takes enough of our time and the body is recalcitrant, I will be just as recalcitrant. What is before us now is an amendment by Senator Schimek which I think is imminently reasonable. It takes away the threat of sanctioning people whose lives are to be intruded into. I am on the opposite side of this from so many of my colleagues whc, on other matters, will be side-by-side with me, I side-by-side with them, we're walking in the same direction to achieve a common goal. I could go and get the abortion stat...debates and show the ve... I could just read you all's arguments back to you about intruding into people's lives. You all, like me, want public funding for abortions for poor women. You all want that. You all say the state should not intrude into a woman's life. You can see it there, because that is... I don't know what the... I don't know how those two positions are reconciled, except that what I'm saying I think is true and hits the nail on the head. It's easier for you all to relate to women because you're women, but it's harder for you to relate to poor people because you're not poor. And when poor children are involved it's hard for you to relate to them. But it's not difficult for me at all. And I intend to do all that is within my power to mitigate the damage that this bill will do. Senator Schimek's amendment goes a step in that direction. If it looks to me like she won't be successful, then I'm going to have to register as not voting, because among my list of amendments I have one to do a similar thing to what she's trying to do now. But I hope the body will understand...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and see that injecting the welfare system, a welfare club into the issue of school attendance is not wise. Suppose there would be a lawsuit against the OHA for this and they lost that. What then would you say? The oracle let you down. It's an easy way to excuse what you do by saying there's